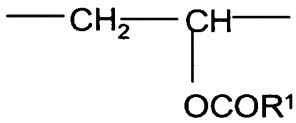
Abstract of the Disclosure

The invention relates to fuel oils comprising a larger proportion of middle distillates having a sulfur content of at most 350 ppm and an aromatics content of at most 22% by weight, and also a smaller proportion of at least one copolymer of ethylene and vinyl esters, said copolymer containing

a) bivalent structural units derived from ethylene of the formula 1

$$- CH_2 - CH_2 - \quad (1)$$

b) from 5 to 12 mol% of bivalent structural units of the formula 2



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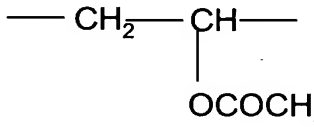
where R^1 is saturated, branched C_5-C_{18}-alkyl, and

c) from 4 to 13 mol% of bivalent structural units of the formula 3



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and the sum of the molar proportions of structural units of the formulae 2 and 3 being between 12 and 16 mol%,

to the corresponding polymers, and also to their use for improving the cold flow behavior of middle distillates having a sulfur content of at most 350 ppm and an aromatics content of at most 22% by weight.